

S. 1965. An Act to prevent the illegal manufacturing and use of methamphetamine;

S. 2085. An Act to authorize the Capitol Guide Service to accept voluntary services; and

S. Con. Res. 71. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to the persecution of Christians worldwide.

¶109.22 NOTICE REQUIREMENT—
CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION—
QUESTION OF PRIVILEGES

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, pursuant to clause 2(a)(1) of rule IX, announced his intention to call up the following resolution, as a question of the privileges of the House:

Whereas on December 6, 1995, the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct agreed to appoint an outside counsel to conduct an independent, nonpartisan investigation of allegations of ethical misconduct by Speaker NEWT GINGRICH;

Whereas, after an eight-month investigation, that outside counsel has submitted an extensive document containing the results of his inquiry;

Whereas the report of the outside counsel cost the taxpayers \$500,000;

Whereas the public has a right—and Members of Congress have a responsibility—to examine the work of the outside counsel and reach an independent judgment concerning the merits of the charges against the Speaker;

Whereas these charges have been before the Ethics Committee for more than two years;

Whereas a failure of the Committee to release the outside counsel's report before the adjournment of the 104th Congress will seriously undermine the credibility of the Ethics Committee and the integrity of the House of Representatives: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct shall immediately release to the public the outside counsel's report on Speaker NEWT GINGRICH, including any conclusions, recommendations, attachments, exhibits or accompanying material.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MCINNIS, responded to the foregoing notice, and said:

"Under rule IX, a resolution offered from the floor by a Member other than the majority leader or the minority leader as a question of the privileges of the House has immediate precedence only at a time or place designated by the Chair in the legislative schedule within two legislative days. The Chair will announce that designation at a later time.

"A determination as to whether the resolution constitutes a question of privilege will be made at that later time."

¶109.23 SUBPOENA

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MCINNIS, laid before the House the following communication from Mr. BLILEY:

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE,
Washington, DC, September 18, 1996.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you, pursuant to Rule L (50) of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that Reid Stuntz, currently the minority general counsel of the Committee on Commerce and for-

merly the staff director and chief counsel for the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations for the Committee on Energy and Commerce, has been served with a subpoena issued by the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia in the matter of *United States v. Jeffrey M. Levine*, Cr. No. 94-034.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that the subpoena appears not to be consistent with the rights and privileges of the House and, therefore, should be resisted.

Sincerely,

THOMAS J. BLILEY, Jr.

¶109.24 SUBPOENA RESPONSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MCINNIS, laid before the House the following communication from Mr. BLILEY:

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE,
Washington, DC, September 18, 1996.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you, pursuant to Rule L (50) of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that a trial subpoena (for documents and testimony) issued by the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia in the matter of *United States v. Jeffrey M. Levine*, Cr. No. 94-034, has been served on me.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that the subpoena appears not to be consistent with the rights and privileges of the House and, therefore, should be resisted.

Sincerely,

THOMAS J. BLILEY, Jr.

¶109.25 SUBPOENA RESPONSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MCINNIS, laid before the House the following communication from Mr. BLILEY:

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE,
Washington, DC, September 18, 1996.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
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DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you, pursuant to Rule L (50) of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that a trial subpoena (for documents and testimony) issued by the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia in the matter of *United States v. Jeffrey M. Levine*, Cr. No. 94-034, has been served on me as custodian of records for the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations of the Committee on Commerce.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that the subpoena appears not to be consistent with the rights and privileges of the House and, therefore, should be resisted.

Sincerely,

THOMAS J. BLILEY, Jr.

¶109.26 SUBPOENA RESPONSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MCINNIS, laid before the House the following communication from Mr. DINGELL:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, September 18, 1996.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you, pursuant to Rule L (50) of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that a subpoena (for documents and testimony) issued

by the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia in the matter of *United States v. Jeffrey M. Levine*, Cr. No. 94-034, has been served on me.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that the subpoena appears not to be consistent with the rights and privileges of the House and, therefore, should be resisted.

Sincerely,

JOHN D. DINGELL,
Member of Congress.

¶109.27 SENATE BILL AND CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION REFERRED

A concurrent resolution of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 2085. Bill to authorize the Capitol Guide Service to accept voluntary services. Passed Senate Sept. 17, 1996.

S. Con. Res. 67. Concurrent resolution to authorize printing of the report of the Commission on Protecting and Reducing Government Secrecy; to the Committee on House Oversight.

¶109.28 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted—

To Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois, for today; and

To Miss COLLINS of Michigan, for today.

And then,

¶109.29 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. SAXTON, at 6 o'clock and 34 minutes p.m., the House adjourned.

¶109.30 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON
PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. SOLOMON: Committee on Rules. H.R. 3024. A bill to provide a process leading to full self-government for Puerto Rico; with an amendment (Rept. No. 104-713 Pt. 2). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. BLILEY: Committee on Commerce. H.R. 2988. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to provide that traffic signal synchronization projects are exempt from certain requirements of Environmental Protection Agency rules; with an amendment (Rept. No. 104-807). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

¶109.31 PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 5 of rule X and clause 4 of rule XXII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. EWING (for himself, Mr. BUYER, Mr. POSHARD, Mr. BARCIA of Michigan, Mr. HASTERT, Mr. LATHAM, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. GANSKE, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky, Mr. GILLMOR, Mr. WELLER, Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. LIGHTFOOT, Mr. COBLE, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. LEACH, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. NETHERCUTT, Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. ROSE, Mr. LUCAS, Mr. COMBEST, Mr. MCHUGH, and Mr. TOWNS):

H.R. 4102. A bill to provide regulatory relief for certain farm transportation of haz-